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Reply to

Attn Of: ETPA-088 Ref: 06-045-BPA

Carl Keller, Environmental Project Manager Bonneville Power Administration - KEC-4 P.O. Box 3621 Portland, Oregon 97208-3621

Dear Mr. Keller:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) **for the Bonneville Power Administration Lyle Falls Fish Passage** project located on the lower Klickitat River in Klickitat County, WA, (CEQ No. 20080490). Our review of the final EIS was conducted in accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

EPA's comments on the draft EIS indicated a lack of objection (LO) to the proposed action. We did, however, identify a few issues for which we believed Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) needed to provide additional explanation or information. These included: additional explanation on the evaluation of only one action alternative; efforts to involve the public and environmental justice communities; and consultation with affected tribal governments.

EPA believes that BPA has provided adequate explanation and information in Section 4 Response to Comments section, as well as the revisions made to the final EIS, and therefore, has no other comments relating to this document.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this final EIS. If you have any questions or would like discuss our comments, please contact Jennifer Curtis of my staff at (907) 271-6324 or curtis.jennifer@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Christine B. Reichgott, Manager NEPA Review Unit